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1.	Communist	China	to	undertake	five-	vear	plan:

25X1A	The Chinese Communists have decided to initiate a five-year plan in January 1953.
	The plan,
*	expected to be fulfilled in four years, reportedly has four main
	objectives: food production, construction of heavy and light industries,
	development of mineral resources, and the extension of communications
	Comment: Although Peiping has not announced a five-year plan, a 1 October Pravda article stated that such a plan was being prepared. The specific goals set up in the plan have not been disclosed, but they undoubtedly envisage a continued expansion of industrial output.
	SOUTHEAST ASIA
2.	Current Viet Minh action considered diversionary:
25X1A	The American Consul in Hanoi believes that current Viet Minh action against the mountain outpost of Nghia Lo, 100

miles northwest of Hanoi, involves less than a division and is designed to clear the way for an assault on the delta itself. A number of small French outposts near Laichau, 200 miles northwest of Hanoi, and Nghia Lo have already fallen.

The Consul considers that the loss of the northwestern sector would be more harmful to French prestige than to vital military interests.

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	3.	Comment on Iran's announced break with Britain:
		Prime Minister Mossadeq's announcement that his government was "unfortunately obliged" to break diplomatic relations with Britain presages little significant change in the immediate future. A continuing deadlock in the oil issue will generate pressure for more drastic social and economic reforms.
25X1		While the Prime Minister's arbitrary action in announcing the break to the nation rather than to parliament was reportedly due to his inability to obtain a quorum in the Majlis, it may foreshadow a more autocratic attitude on his part.

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5.	French considering conditional reply to USSR on talks:
	The French Government is considering
	telling the USSR that France would be glad to enter into the conversations
	suggested by Foreign Minister Vyshinsky,
	but only "in consultation with the British and Americans and not independently." According to the high French Foreign Ministry
	official who revealed this to the American Embassy in Paris,
	France has decided to advise only the United States and Britain of Vyshinsky's recent approach.
	Comment: This is the first clear indication
	that the Pinay government may go as far as to enter into bilateral
	talks with the USSR in order to rally domestic political support. Any such talks would certainly cause delays in rearmament and make other Western powers suspicious of French policy.
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